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INFO AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

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SUBJECT: CZECH EMBASSY DENIAL OF VISA TO LA TIMES

CORRESPONDENT

1. MURRAY SEEGER, BONN-BASED CORRESPONDENT FOR THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT HIS APPLICATION FOR A VISA HAS BEEN TURNED DOWN BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY HERE. SEEGER HAS REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING A VISA FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA.
2. SEEGER APPLIED FOR A VISA IN EARLY SUMMER, 1975. HE WAS NOTIFIED BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY APPROXIMATELY NOVEMBER 1 THAT HIS VISA APPLICATION WOULD BE APPROVED. HOWEVER, THE APPLICATION WAS DISAPPROVED AND HE WAS INFORMED BY A FORM LETTER FROM THE EMBASSY ON NOVEMBER 22.
3. SEEGER SAYS THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW WHY HE WAS TURNED DOWN. HE THINKS THE REFUSAL OF THE CZECHS TO GIVE HIM A VISA MAY BE CONNECTED WITH HIS PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT TO MOSCOW. HE HAS BEEN TURNED DOWN FOR A VISA BY THE CZECHOSLOVAKS FOUR TIMES. HE HAS NEVER BEEN GRANTED A VISA AND HAS, THEREFORE, NEVER VISITED PRAGUE.

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4. SEEGER TOLD US THAT HE HAS REPORTED THIS MATTER TO

THE WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, WHICH
HAS TOLD HIM THAT IT HAS RAISED IT WITH THE
DEPARTMENT.

5. WE TOLD SEEGER THAT WE WOULD REPORT TO THE DEPART-
MENT AND TRANSMIT HIS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE
BEING INFORMED ABOUT WHAT ACTION THE DEPARTMENT AND/OR
EMBASSY PRAGUE TAKES SO THAT WE CAN INFORM SEEGER.
HILLENBRAND

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